

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are pending after this amendment. Claims 1-16 have been allowed.

The amendments and remarks presented herein are in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated July 20, 2005. Applicant has corrected the amendment to list all claims with their current status. Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested.

The amendments and remarks presented in Amendment B in response to the Office Action dated June 13, 2005, are included herein.

The Examiner required restriction to one of two claim groups. Responsive to Examiner's constructive election of claims 1-16, Applicant has canceled claims 17-20 without prejudice to Applicant's right to reintroduce the subject matter of the canceled claims in a subsequent or copending application.

The requirement to surrender the original patent is moot in view of the implementation of the instant amended rule change in 37 CFR 1.178.

The Examiner requested that the specification be amended to include cross-references to all copending continuation applications. The specification has been amended accordingly.

The examiner objected to the claims as being based upon a defective reissue declaration. A new reissue declaration, conforming to the acceptable language

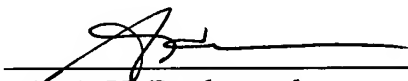
quoted by the Examiner, is included herewith. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection be removed.

Claims 1-16 have been allowed.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss the above amendments and remarks, or if the Examiner believes that for any reason direct contact with Applicant's representative would help to advance the prosecution of this case to finality, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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